

MEETING 100% CARBON-FREE ENERGY MANDATES – A NEW MEXICO CASE STUDY



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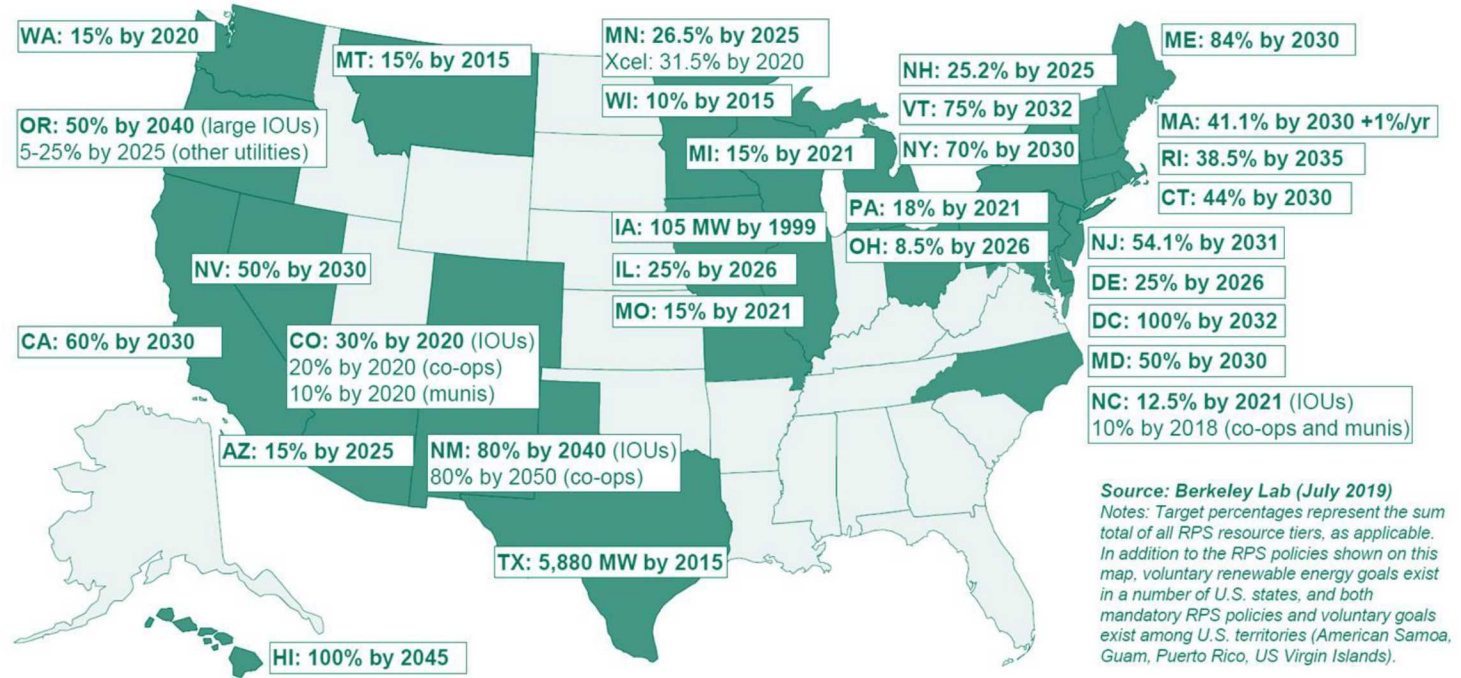
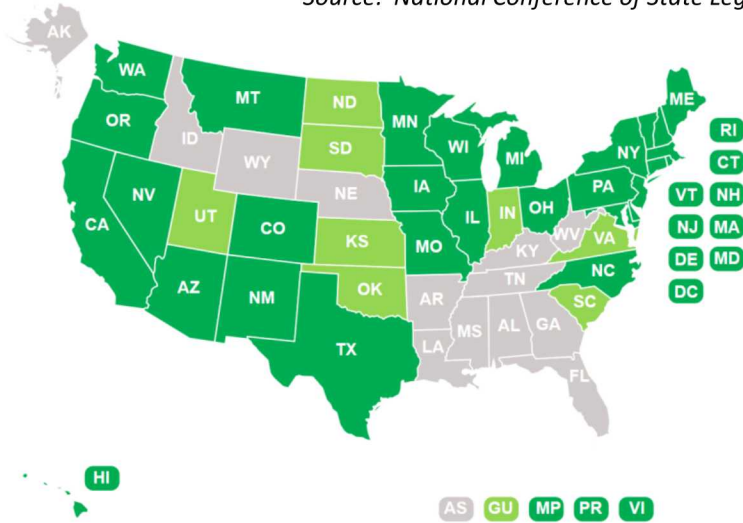
- Overview of Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS).
- Technical challenges for 100% renewable grid.
- The need for energy storage.
- Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) for 100% renewable grid.
- New Mexico case study
- Future work

OVERVIEW OF RPSs IN THE US



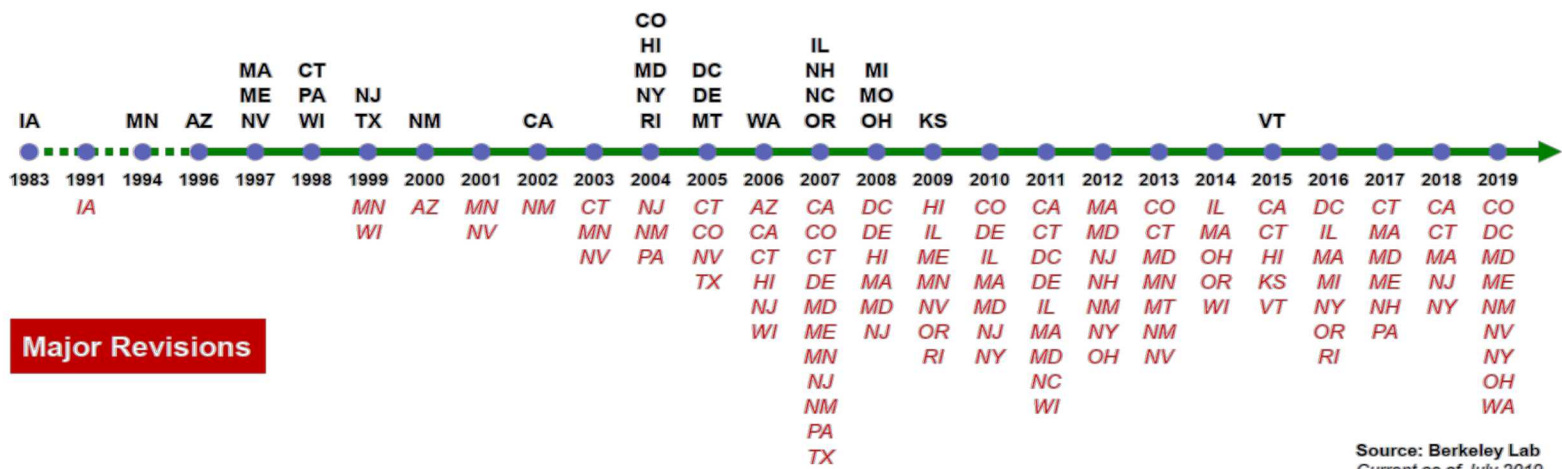
States and territories with Renewable Portfolio Standards States and territories with a voluntary renewable energy standard or target States and territories with no standard or target

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures



Source: Berkeley Lab (July 2019)
Notes: Target percentages represent the sum total of all RPS resource tiers, as applicable. In addition to the RPS policies shown on this map, voluntary renewable energy goals exist in a number of U.S. states, and both mandatory RPS policies and voluntary goals exist among U.S. territories (American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands).

RPS Enactment



Major Revisions

10 states increased their RPS targets:

- CA: 60% by 2030 (and 100% zero-carbon by 2045)
- CT: 40% Class I by 2030
- DC: 100% by 2032, with 10% solar by 2041
- MA: Annual increase of 2% of sales/year over 2020-2029
- MD: 50% Tier 1 by 2030, incl. 14.5% solar + ~9.5% OSW
- ME: 50% Class I by 2030
- NJ: 50% Tier 1 by 2030
- NM: 80% by 2040 (and 100% zero-carbon by 2045)
- NV: 50% by 2030
- NY: 70% by 2030 (and 100% zero-carbon by 2040)

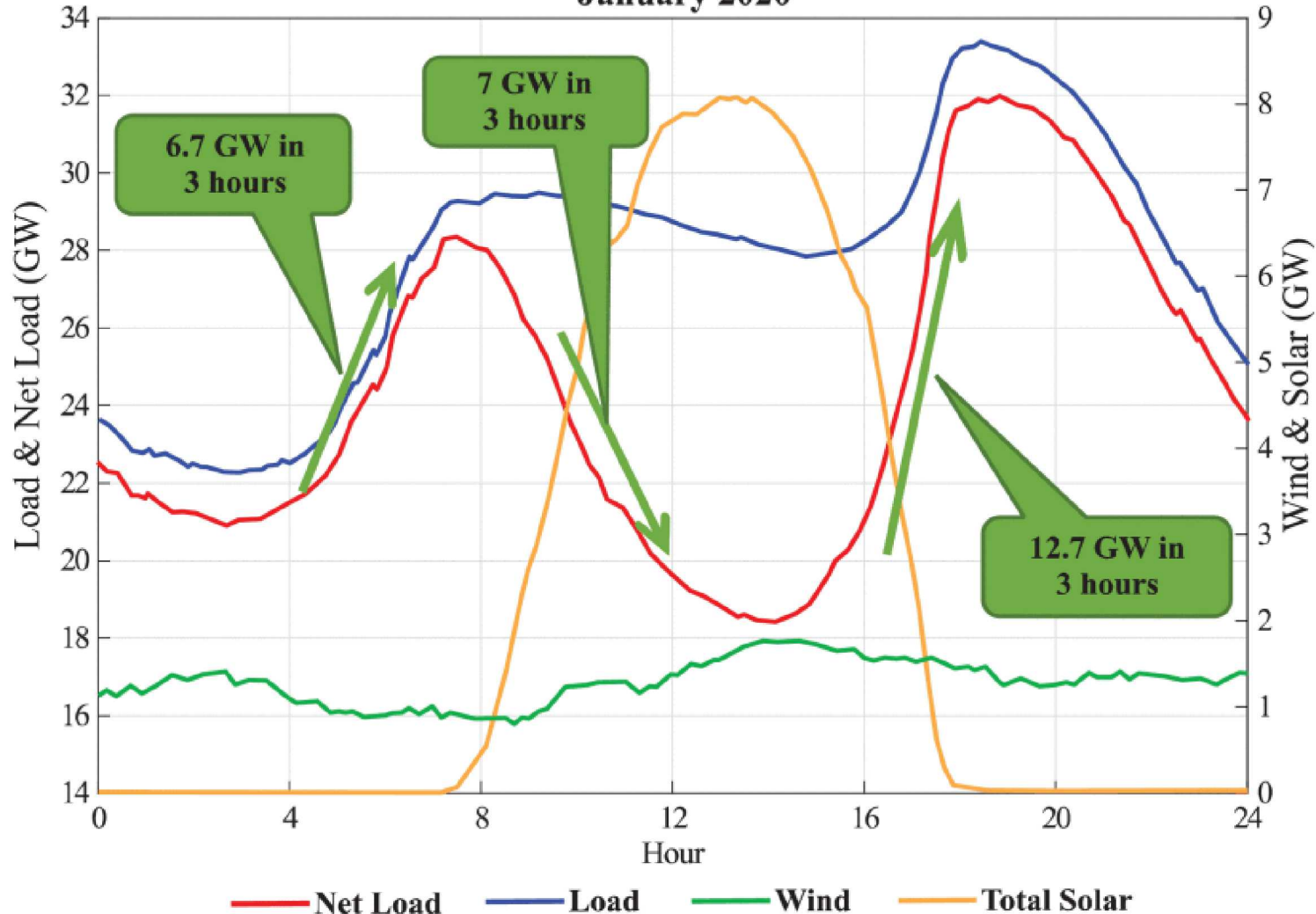
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Current as of July 2019

CHALLENGES FOR 100% RENEWABLE GRID – HIGH VARIABILITY AND UNCERTAINTY

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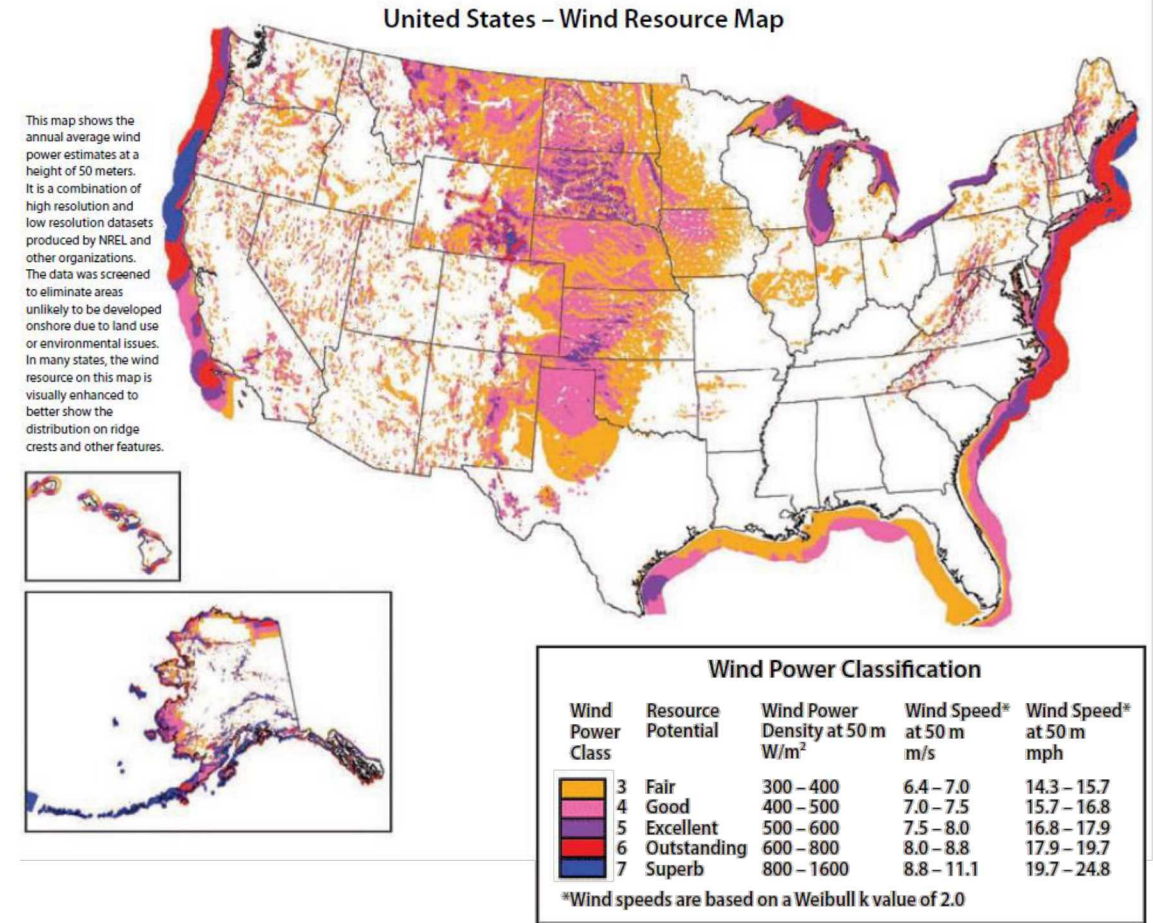
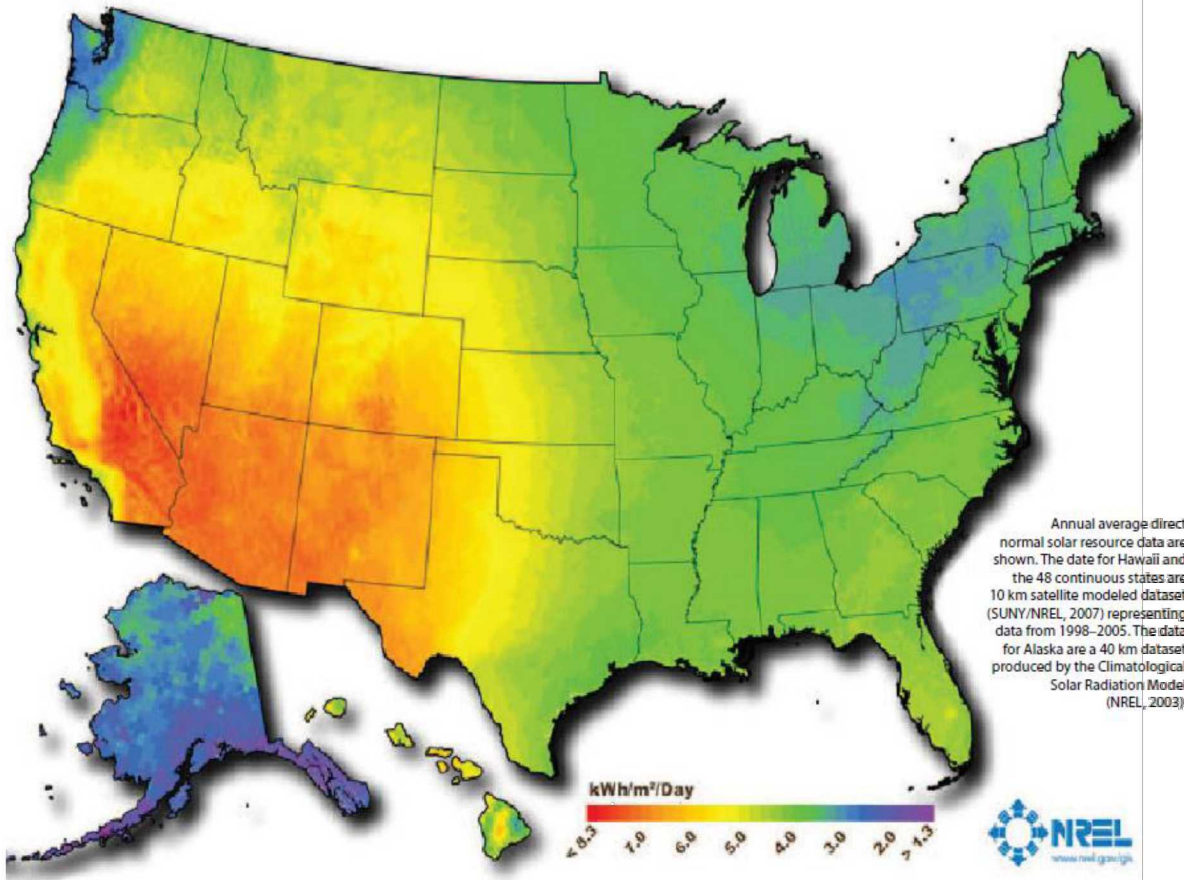
Load, Wind & Solar Profiles - Base Scenario
January 2020



- Solar PV creates larger ramps since large amount of energy is produced only during daytime, which is not coincident with the peak load.
- Wind generation tends to be larger during nighttime, which also create ramps.
- Renewable plants are often oversized to deal with weather variability and uncertainty.

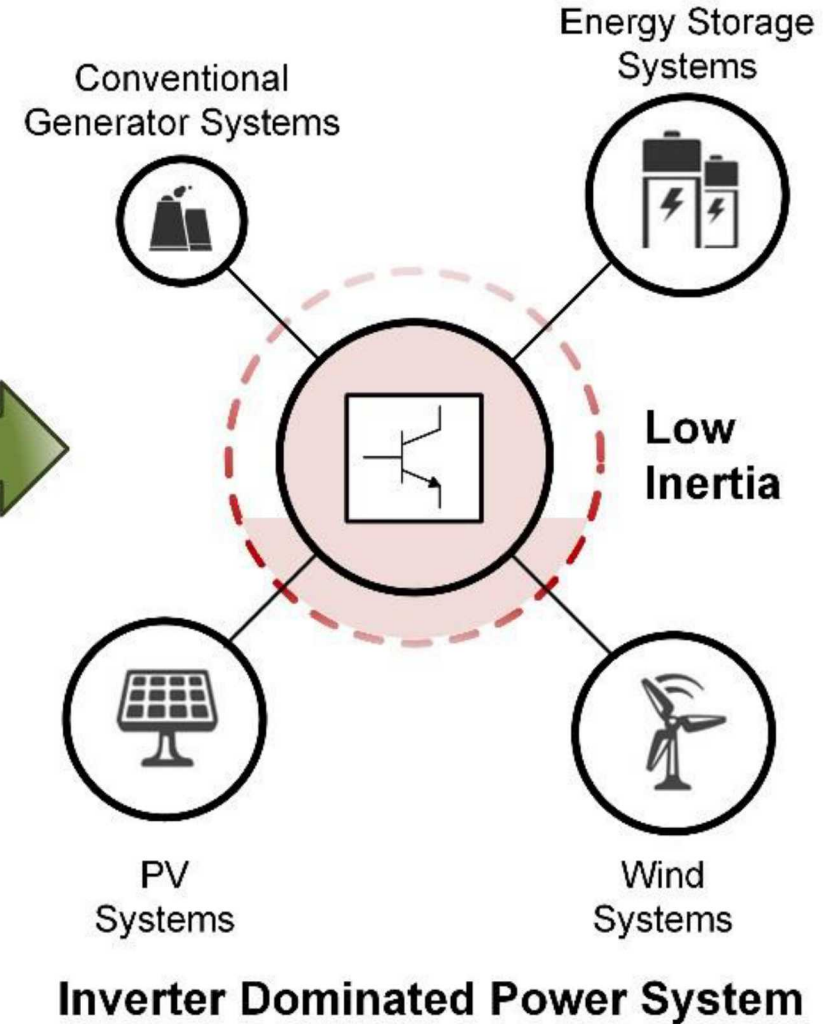
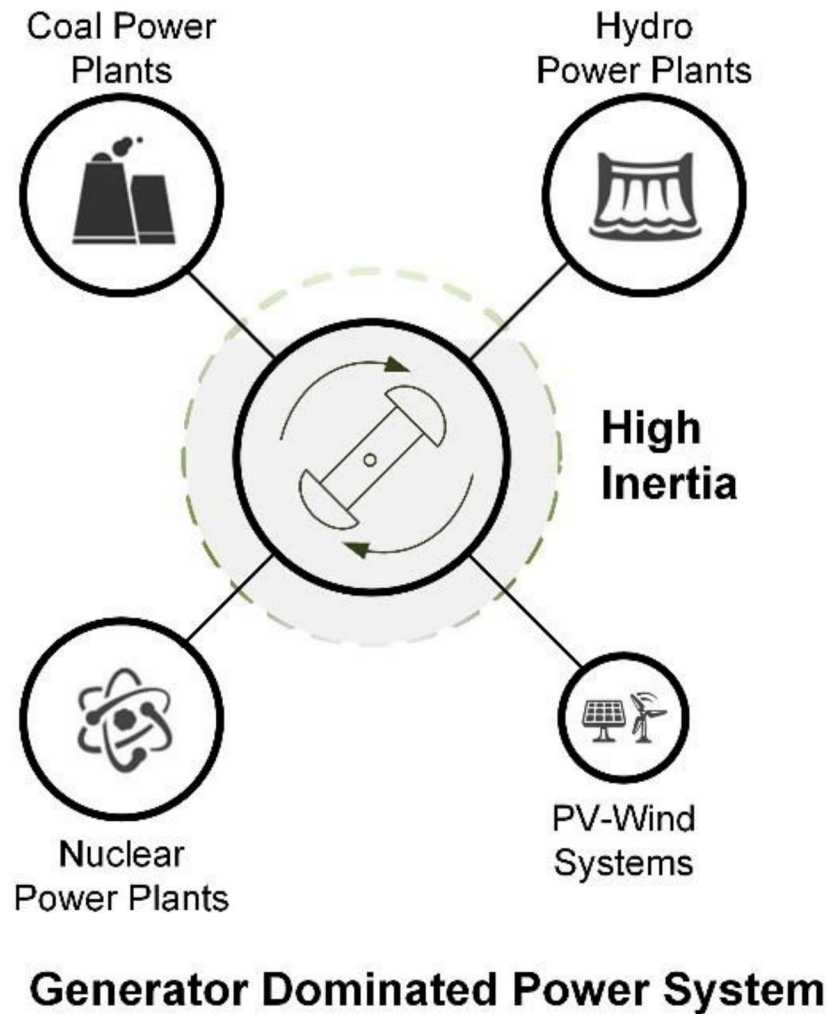
CHALLENGES FOR 100% RENEWABLE GRID – TRANSMISSION ISSUE

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- Most attractive resources for wind and solar are located far from load center. Therefore, exploiting these resources requires enormous transmission expansion.

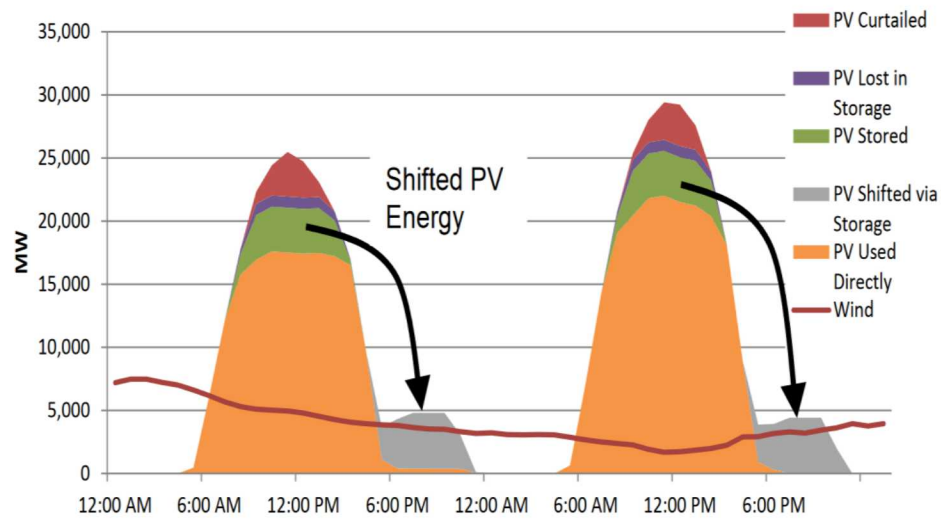
CHALLENGES FOR 100% RENEWABLE GRID – ZERO INERTIA



Source: U. Tamrakar, D. Shrestha, M. Maharjan, B. Bhattarai, T. Hansen, and R. Tonkoski, "Virtual Inertia: Current Trends and Future Directions," *Applied Sciences*, vol. 7, no. 7, p. 654, Jun. 2017.

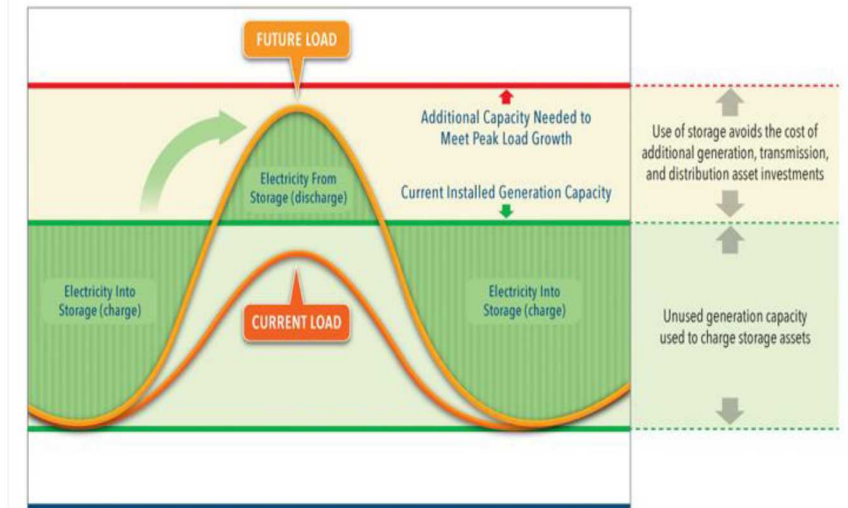
THE NEED FOR ENERGY STORAGE

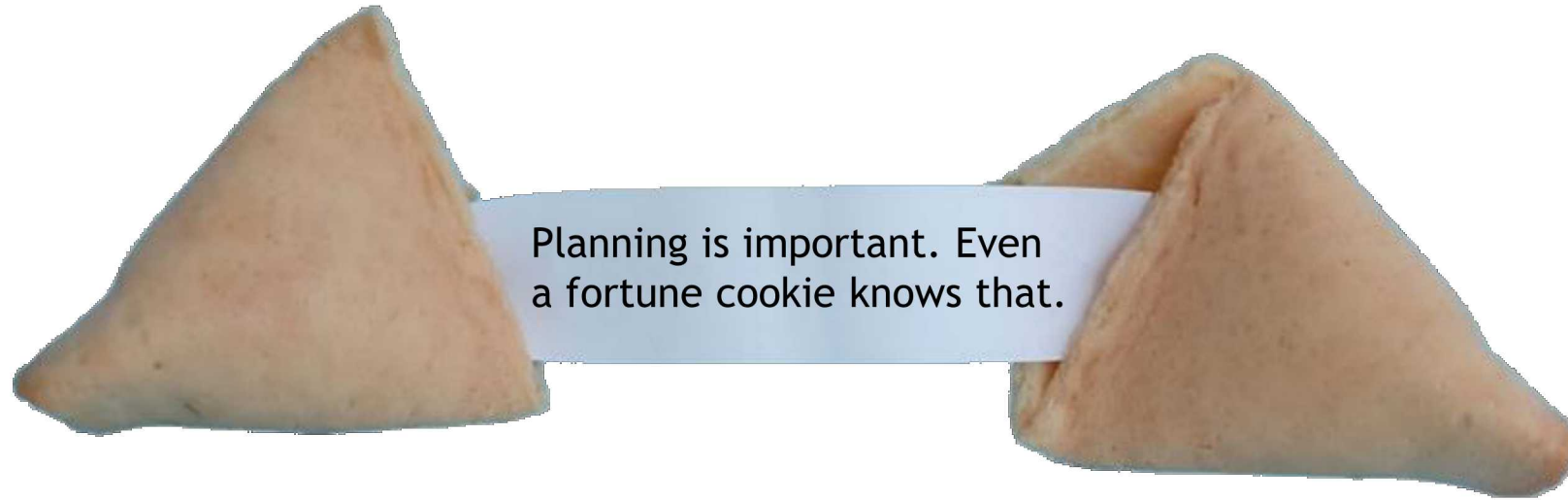
Example - Ramp support + Peak Shaving



- Renewable integration: smoothing, firming, time shift.
- Ancillary services: capacity, regulation, ramp support.
- Virtual inertia.
- T&D upgrade deferral.
- Behind-the-meter applications: back-up power, power quality, TOU management, demand charge reduction.

Example – T&D Deferral





- The IRPs must consider RPS targets.
- Long-term requirements must consider technical challenges created by renewable energy.
- Energy storage must be included together other resources



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- We develop an optimization framework for determining the smallest resource sizes required to balance the demand with renewable resources and energy storage.
- This optimization considers multiple types and locations of renewable resources, and also allow energy trading with external providers.

Methodology

A mathematical optimization problem is formulated the objective of minimizing energy resource sizes while ensuring that the utility's demand is met at all times. The constraints of this problem include:

- **Storage constraints:** state of charge constraints.
- **Power balance constraint:** load must be met.
- **Curtailement constraint:** renewable curtailement must be limited.
- **Interconnection constraint:** the energy exchanged with other regions must be limited.

Formulation

Objective function:

$$\underset{\substack{\bar{s}, \bar{p}^s, \bar{p}^w, \bar{p}^{pv}, \\ p^c, p^d, p^{curt}, p^{trade}}}{\text{minimize}} \quad J(\bar{s}, \bar{p}^s, \bar{p}^w, \bar{p}^{pv}, p^{curt}, p^{trade})$$

$$J(\bar{s}, \bar{p}^s, \bar{p}^w, \bar{p}^{pv}, p^{trade}) := w^c \bar{s} + w^p \bar{p}^s + w^w \sum_{i=1}^{n_w} \bar{p}_i^w \\ + w^{pv} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{pv}} \bar{p}_i^{pv} + \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} w_k^{curt} p_k^{curt} + \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} w_k^{trade} p_k^{trade}$$

Storage and renewable constraints:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\delta} \bar{s} \leq s_k \leq (1 - \bar{\delta}) \bar{s} & \quad 0 \leq p_{k,i}^w \leq \bar{p}_i^w \\ s_{k+1} = \eta^s s_k + \eta^c p_k^c \tau - p_k^d \tau & \quad 0 \leq p_{k,i}^{pv} \leq \bar{p}_i^{pv} \\ s_0 = \gamma \bar{s} & \quad 0 \leq p_k^c \leq \bar{p}^s \\ s_K = \gamma \bar{s} & \quad 0 \leq p_k^d \leq \bar{p}^s \end{aligned}$$

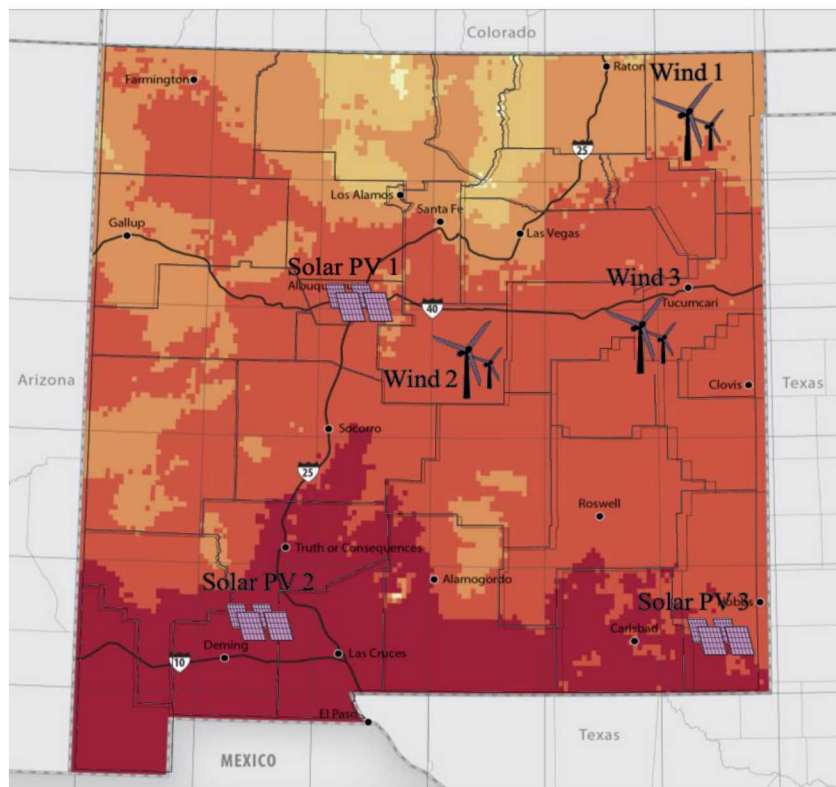
Power balance constraint:

$$p_k^l = \sum_{i=1}^{n_w} p_{k,i}^w + \sum_{i=1}^{n_{pv}} p_{k,i}^{pv} + p_k^d - p_k^c - p_k^{curt} + p_k^{trade}$$

Curtailement and interconnection constraints:

$$0 \leq p_k^{curt} \leq \bar{p}_k^{curt} \quad \underline{p}_k^{trade} \leq p_k^{trade} \leq \bar{p}_k^{trade}$$

CASE STUDIES – NEW MEXICO



New Mexico Solar Resource

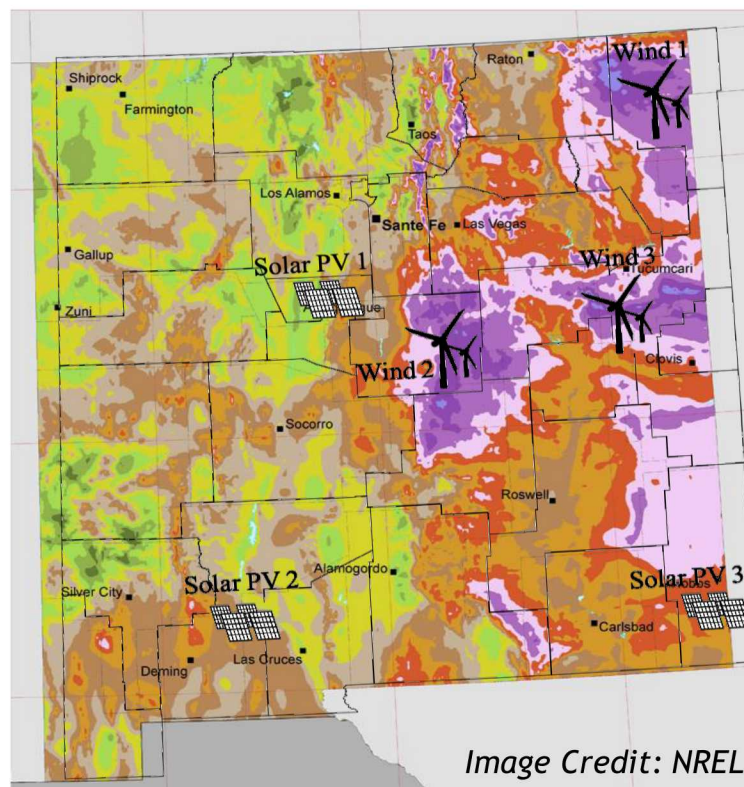


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New Mexico Wind Resource

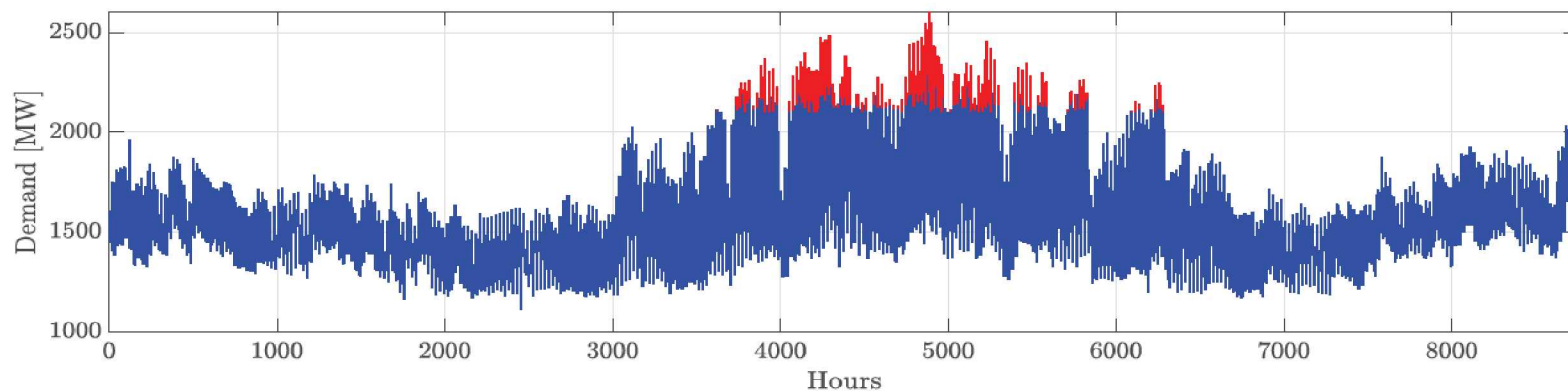


Table 2: Cases	
Case	Description
1	2018 demand data and TMY weather data.
2	2017 demand and weather data.
3	2016 demand and weather data.
4	Case 1 with only solar PV resources.
5	Case 1 with only wind resources.
Subcase	Trade allowed when:
x.1	Never
x.2	Any hour
x.3	$p_k^e > 1600$ MW
x.4	$p_k^e > 1700$ MW
x.5	$p_k^e > 1800$ MW
x.6	$p_k^e > 1900$ MW
x.7	$p_k^e > 2000$ MW
x.8	$p_k^e > 2100$ MW
x.9	$p_k^e > 2200$ MW

Table 3: Model Parameters			
Parameter	Description	Value	Units
η^s	ES self-discharge efficiency	1.00	-
η^c	ES roundtrip efficiency	0.85	-
η^{pv}	PV panel efficiency	0.15	-
η^{conv}	PV conversion efficiency	0.90	-
v	Wind turbine cut-in speed	4	m/s
v^*	Wind turbine rated speed	10	m/s
\bar{v}	Wind turbine cut-out speed	25	m/s
h	Wind turbine hub height	80	m
a^{turb}	Wind turbine rotor area	5027	m ²
\bar{p}^{turb}	Wind turbine power rating	2	MW
ρ	Air density	1.2	kg/m ³

Table 4: Optimization Parameters			
Parameter	Description	Value	Units
τ	Time-step	1	hours
K	Optimization horizon	8760	hours
w^s	Weight on ES energy capacity	1	-
w^p	Weight on ES power rating	0.5	-
w^w	Weight on wind power rating	1	-
w^{pv}	Weight on PV power rating	1	-
w_k^{curt}	Weight on curtailed power	$0 \forall k$	-
w_k^{trade}	Weight on external power	$0 \forall k$	-
δ	Fraction of unused SoE	0	-
γ	Fraction of initial/final SoE	0.5	-
\bar{p}_k^{curt}	Curtailed power allowed	$p_k^{pv} + p_k^w$	MW
\bar{p}_k^{trade}	Import power allowed	$500 \forall k$	MW
\bar{p}_k^{trade}	Export power allowed	$-500 \forall k$	MW

CASE STUDIES – NEW MEXICO - RESULTS

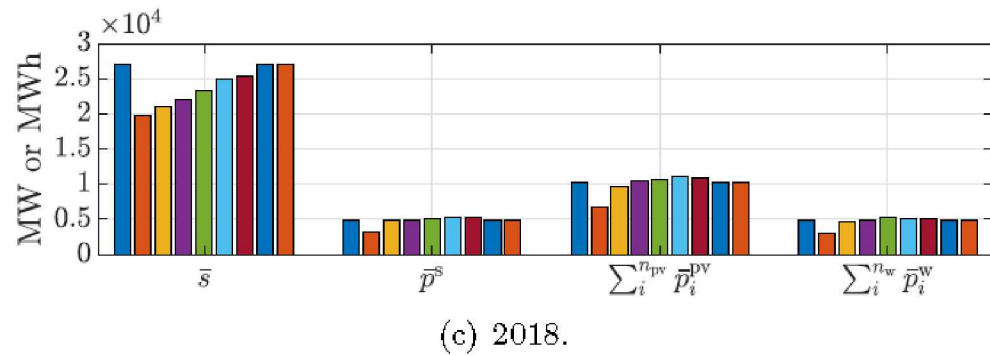
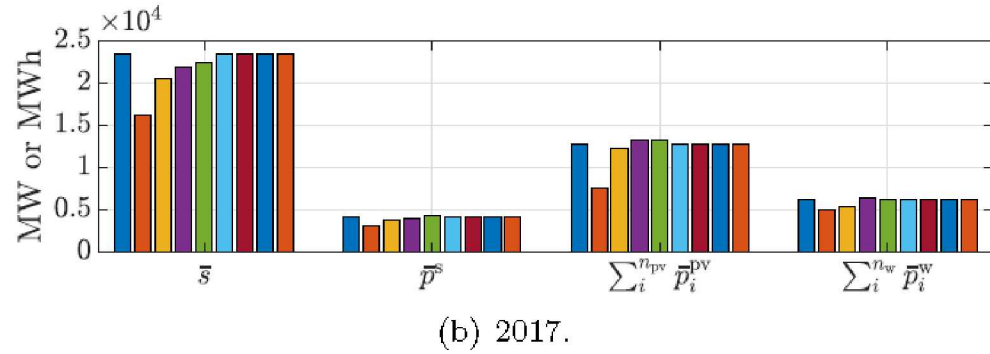
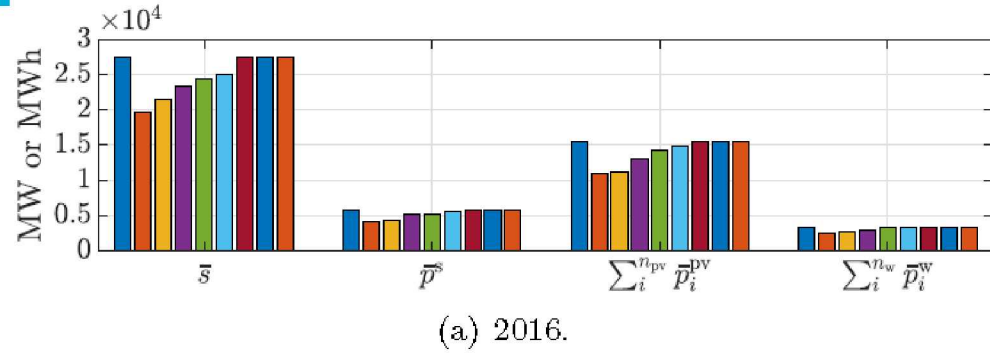


Figure 6: Summary of results for Cases 1-3. Each bar corresponds to a different subcase 1-9 going from left to right, respectively.

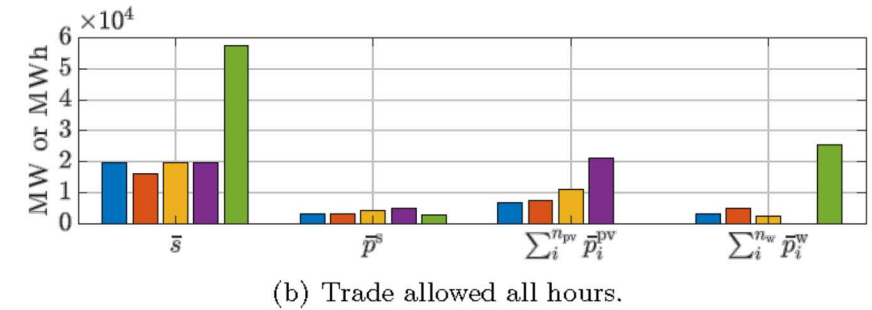
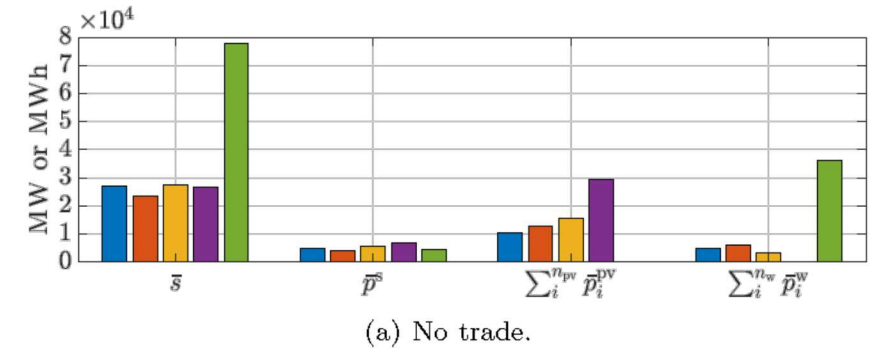


Figure 7: Summary of results for Cases 1-5 corresponding to no trading allowed (subcase 1) or trading allowed any hour (subcase 2). The bars correspond to Cases 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 (from left to right).

Table 6: Land area for renewable resources (in thousands of acres)

Case	Solar PV		Wind	
	No trade	Trade any hour	No trade	Trade any hour
1	325.6	214.2	408.9	262.1
2	402.5	235.9	522.9	418.8
3	488.2	347.3	286.7	204.9
4	927.1	662.9	0	0
5	0	0	3034.3	2149.8

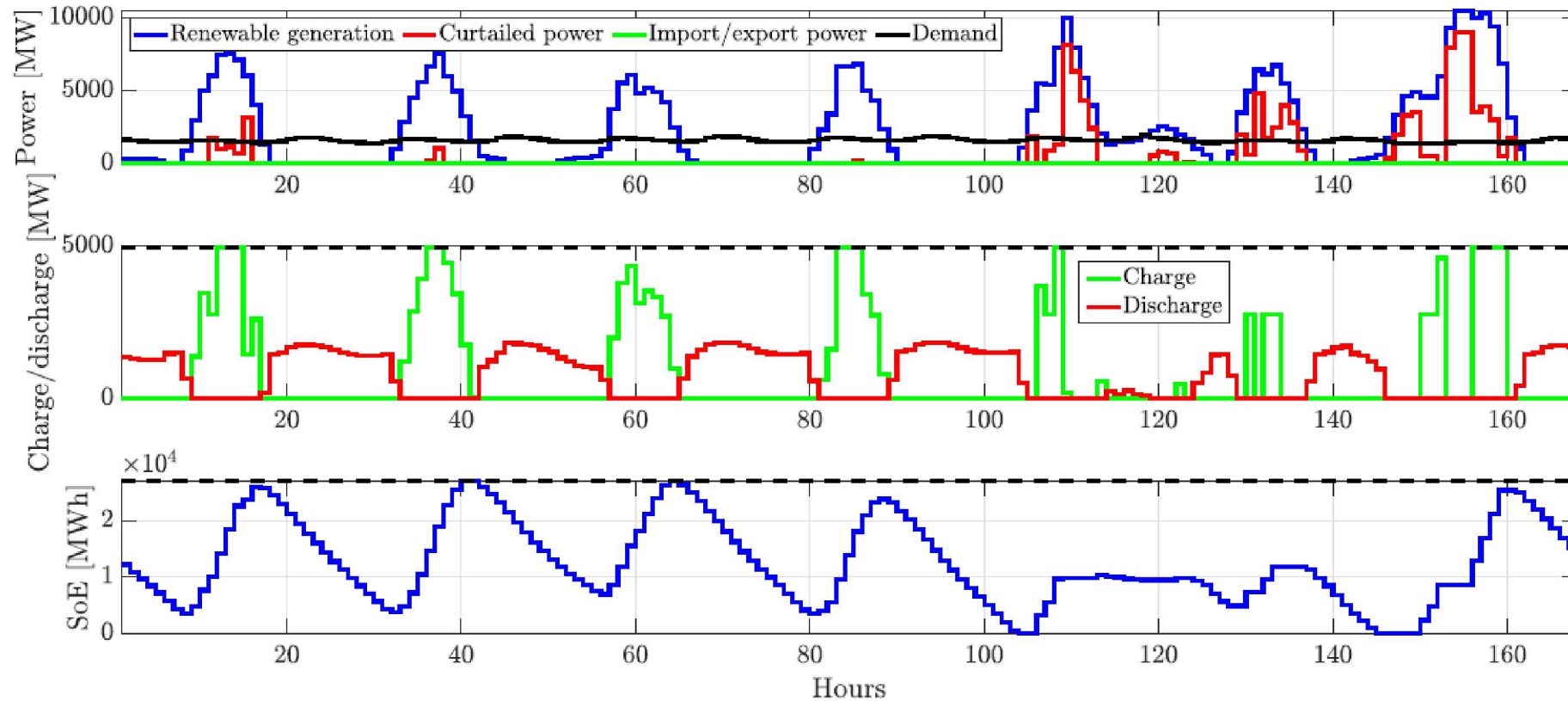


Figure 4: Results for the first week in January for Case 1.9. Renewable generation, curtailment, import power, and demand are shown in the top subplot. ES charge and discharge are shown in the middle subplot, and ES SoE is shown in the bottom subplot.

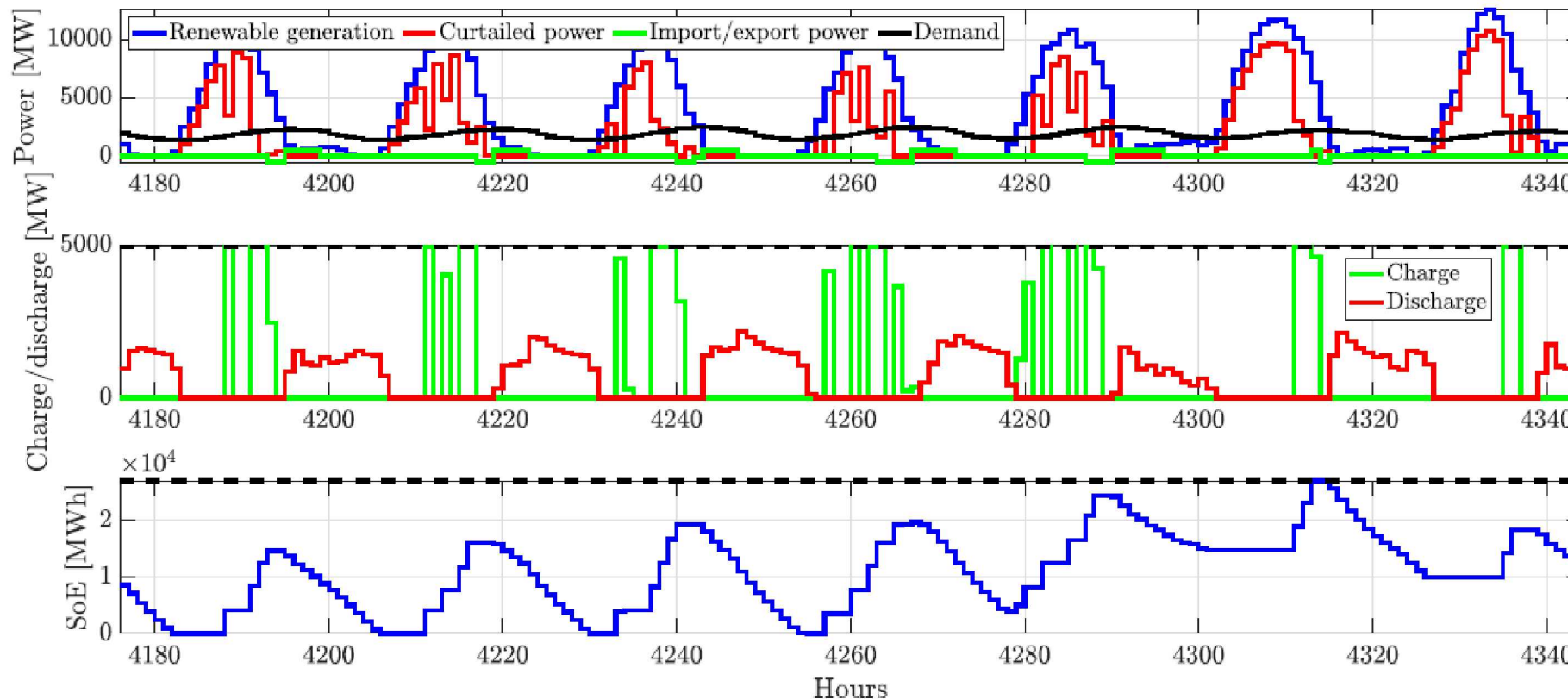


Figure 5: Results for the last week in June for Case 1.9. Renewable generation, curtailment, import power, and demand are shown in the top subplot. ES charge and discharge are shown in the middle subplot, and ES SoE is shown in the bottom subplot.

CASE STUDIES – NEW MEXICO – KEY FINDINGS



- For 100% renewable, the resources required are roughly 5 GW / 25 GWh of energy storage, more than 10 GW of solar PV, and about 5 GW of wind.
- Considering only wind generation nearly triples the required storage energy capacity and requires the largest renewable power rating.
- The area of land required for the renewable generation plants is on the order of 1 million acres, or about 1% of the area of New Mexico.
- Energy trading can significantly reduce the size of required resources.
- If renewable generation resources are sized to meet about 80% of the peak demand, they are also large enough to meet 100% of the demand. Thus, peaker plants are no longer required.
- A significant amount of the generation must be curtailed to reduce energy storage size

- This work provides essentially a lower bound on the size of required resources to meet 100% of a utility's demand with renewable generation using a retrospective analysis.
- In future work, transmission system models will also be considered to ensure feasibility of the locations and sizes of the generation resources.
- In addition, a stochastic approach that takes into account future forecasts of demand and generation will be incorporated to address operational considerations that utilities will need to be prepared for in the future.



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